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## Fast Facts: Accessory Structures

For community, personal, and market gardens the following accessory structures are allowed:

- High tunnels
- Greenhouses
- Cold frames
- Low tunnels
- Storage shed/utility building
- Backyard compost containers

All accessory structures must comply with all other applicable City codes and regulations

All accessory structures must comply with setbacks and building codes of the zoning district they are in

- More information on your zoning district can be found here:  
<http://www.knoxmpc.org/zoning/zonhome.htm>

Use of an accessory building as living quarters is not permitted

For low tunnels and cold frames:

- Height must be less than seventy two (72) below grade
- All covers must be securely fastened
- All hoops, covers, and materials must be removed once growing season is over

For greenhouses and high tunnels:

- Height must be at least seventy two (72) inches, but equal to or less than the allowable height for an accessory building in your zoning district
- Must comply with all Federal, State, and local regulations regarding runoff, erosion, and sediment control
- Greenhouse-grade, UV resistant covers must be used
- High tunnels must be placed over a designated crop cultivation area in which crops are grown in the natural soil profile or in raised beds
- Maximum high tunnel bow spacing is six (6) feet
- Some structures may require approval from the Plans Review and Inspection Department. More information can be found here  
[http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/government/city\\_departments\\_offices/plans\\_review\\_inspections/](http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/government/city_departments_offices/plans_review_inspections/)